

Town of Camden
Community & Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, February 22, 2010, **5:30 PM**
Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Peter Gross, Don Abbott, Ellis Cohn, Lowrie Sargent, Kerry Hadley, Roberta Smith, John Arnold, Jim Fullilove, Martin Cates, Anita, Kipp Wright, Morgan Laidlaw and Deb Dodge

1. Review/discussion/approval of minutes from last meetings.

Approved.

2. Presentation/discussion with Jeff Charland (Farnsworth)

- Received an excellent presentation, highlighted the following points:
 - Downtown Maine Street and Rockland's involvement
 - Discussed "focus on customer". Internal and external.
 - Farnsworth commitment in a bad economic time to invest in their future commitments for excellence to customer and community
 - Budgeting and creation of value
 - Value to economy for Rockland at \$56 per person
 - Bringing people as visitors, sponsorships, school trips
 - Working with community to aid events such as Summer Solciste.
 - Commitment to "not cut the way to success".
 - 65,000 visitors per year
 - Ready to collaborate with locale communities to spur events more year round.
 - Offer to cooperate with Camden and develop more opportunities
 - Discussion of 2 different communities working to a common goal
 - Invitation for further discussion

3. TIF update (hearing and vote next day, Tuesday the 23rd at 7:00 PM)

- Discussed warrant articles and meeting process in advance of the Thursday meeting and vote

4. Development Director discussion.

a. Position description

- Discussed position description
- Discussed salary and impact to budget
- Though need about \$85,000/yr, will still keep in range of limitations though will exceed Select Board "0" increase recommendation
- Discussed partial position possibility with upcoming retirements
- Committee given choice of supporting full time director, or position mix.
- Committee unanimously endorsed "full-time" director position
- Jim and Don to develop "cover letter" for presentation to combined meeting of Select Board and Budget Committee for March 4, 2010.
- Follow up presentation to be on the 18th Budget Comm meeting.

b. Representative to present to Select board and Budget Committee

- Martin, Don and Peter

5. Planning Board request for CEDAC rep to work group. (Planning Board has delayed Design Standard work in favor of seeking further input)

- Peter Gross volunteered.

6. Conclusion

Next meeting March 8, 5:30 PM, WSCR.